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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT PARA 2)

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EWWT, NI
SUBJECT: STRICTER REGULATIONS FOR PORT USE

REF: A) STATE 143874: B) LAGOS 7178

1. NIGERIAN PORTS AUTHORITY (NPA) HAS BANNED ALL VESSELS IN EXCESS OF FIFTEEN YEARS OF AGE FROM NIGERIAN WATERS. THIS BAN WILL RUN FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD OF TIME AND CAME INTO EFFECT THE WEEK OF JUNE 12 ACCORDING TO THE LAGOS BASED REPRESENTATIVE OF AN AMERICAN FLAG CONFERENCE. HE INFORMED AN EMBOFF THAT THE 15 YEAR RULE WOULD NOT BE A SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR THE TWO AMERICAN FLAG CONFERENCES WHICH CALL HERE, AND THAT THEY NEED ONLY QUOTE JUGGLE SCHEDULES UNQUOTE. HE RECALLED THAT THE SAUDIS HAD TRIED A SIMILAR MEASURE A FEW YEARS AGO BUT THAT THE WORLD SHIPPING INTERESTS HAD CAUSED THEM TO RECENT. SHIPPING REP SPECULATED THAT NPA'S MOTIVE WAS TO PLACE BLAME FOR CURRENT
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PORT CONGESTION ON SOMEONE ELSE'S SHOULDERS.

2. TWO ADDITIONAL MEASURES TAKEN BY NPA ALSO MAY HAVE BEEN PROMPTED BY RECENT PORT CONGESTION. FINES OF DOLS 15 TO DOLS 20 THOUSAND PER SHOP ARE BEING ISSUED TO VESSELS WHICH DO NOT DISCHARGE AT A RATE SET BY THE NPA. HE WAS AWARE OF TWO SUCH FINES. HE ALSO NOTED

THAT SENS ARE BEING ISSUED MORE SLOWLY TO CONFERENCE
VESSELS, AS AN EXTENSION TO THE ACTION TAKEN AGAINST
NON-CONFERENCE VESSELS REPORTED REFTEL B.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: REGULATION DESCRIBED PARA 1.
MAY BE THE RUMORED EMBARGO ON TRAMP STEAMERS PER
QUARY IN REFTEL A, THEREFORE INFORM BALTIMORE SHIPPER.
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